**National Abstract Competition
for the Sickle Cell Disease Association's (SCDAA) 51st Annual Convention**
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==DEADLINE: JULY 17, 2023==

If you are a researcher, community-based member organization, physician, nurse, social worker or someone working on behalf of people living with sickle cell disease and their families, Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., would like to highlight your work at the 51st Annual National Convention, October 11-14, 2023, in-person at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, VA.

To be eligible, abstracts must meet guidelines and be submitted by <u>July 17, 2023</u>. Late submissions will *not* be accepted. Abstracts will be reviewed and ranked by the national abstract review committee. ==**A link for abstract submissions will be available in late June. Check this website for an announcement at that time.**== Encore abstracts are welcome.

We hope to notify you of acceptance by Aug 14. Abstract finalists will be judged during oral presentations and presented at the SCDAA Gala (Friday evening, Oct 13). "Best Abstract" in each category will be announced at the SCDAA 51st Annual National Convention. Special awards for the best student and trainee abstracts will also be given.

Submission Instructions and Guidelines

Abstract text must be written in English and contain the following:

TITLE: Use a concise title typed in CAPITAL LETTERS.

AUTHORS: List authors' names (First name, middle initial, last name) and institutional affiliations as briefly as possible. Indicate authors who are trainees (such as student, grad student, post-doctoral fellow, intern, resident, apprentice, etc.) and list them first if the work is their project.

ABSTRACT TEXT:

- Structure text utilizing the following subheadings: *Objective, Methods, *Results*, and *Conclusions*.
- Submit abstracts in written form for scoring.
- Authors can be modified to have less duplication of contact information for co-authors.

*Abstracts without results will not be accepted.

ABSTRACT CATEGORY: If your abstract seems to fit more than one category, please select a first choice and a second choice – the abstract judges will decide.

WORD COUNT: 1,000 maximum (no exceptions).

UPLOAD TABLES/CHARTS: One file per abstract submission (supported documents: PDF, PNG).

2023 Presentations, Topic categories, and Examples

This year's in-person/hybrid convention will feature oral presentations of the selected abstracts, physical poster session and also video presentation of abstracts. Categories for abstract judging are listed here. Trainee presentations are a subcategory of each topic. If your abstract seems to fit more than one topic category, please select a first choice and a second choice – the abstract judges will decide which category fits best.

Topic	Examples for sickle cell disease (SCD)
Public Health, Policy, and Implementing the NASEM 2020 report Sickle Cell Blueprint for Action	Describe ways to utilize the NASEM Report to promote SCD in Public Health, improve health policy on SCD, public awareness of SCD and SCT, health professionals' awareness of SCD and SCT. Areas of interest include educational materials.
Community-Based Research	Research that takes place in community settings and involves community members in the design and implementation of research projects, demonstrates respect for the contributions of success that are made by community partners.
Basic and Translational Research	Mechanisms of SCD or SCT complications, scientific research to create new therapies, medical procedures, or diagnostics.
Clinical Research	Human subjects research based in the clinic or hospital to study the safety, effectiveness, and/or efficacy of medications, transplant, gene therapy, devices, or diagnostic products for human use. These may be used for prevention, treatment, or diagnosis, or for relieving symptoms of SCD or SCT.
Psychosocial Research	Psychosocial Research addressing the interrelation of behavioral, social, psychological, and other quality of life factors involving SCD or SCT. Areas of interest include Aging, caregiving, employment, health behaviors and fitness, independent living, self-management, and technology access.